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COPE'S DEATH STUNS STUDENTS

Voted most popular teacher four times, Harvey A. Cope died Saturday morning of a heart attack. He was 53. An economics and sociology teacher at MN for six years, he had previously taught in Bethlehem, Pa.

Students remembered Cope, "The Rock", as an avid golfer and antique collector. He was planning to go to Scotland this summer, one of his lifelong dreams. "He tended to have a gruff, friendly personality," a teacher commented.

"His strongest point was gaining rapport with students," Harold Miller said. "He had strong opinions and openly expressed what he felt."

Cope served as acting department head during his second year at MN, a tribute to his experience and leadership.



Harvey A. Cope, MN social studies teacher, died suddenly April 12.

Guards Ticket Cars, Watch For Vandals

Two security guards have been assigned to MN Senior High to guard against vandalism and illegal parking practices under a federally-funded, county-wide project, Principal William Capriotti announced.

The guards have been sworn in as Delaware County deputies and have the right to give parking tickets to students' or teachers' cars parked in incorrect parking spaces. Tickets will also be given to cars without registered parking stickers.

The guards will report all vandals and trespassers to Mr. Capriotti. Offenders may face criminal

charges.

The guards will also patrol the parking lot and some of the "problem areas" in the school to guard against vandalism. They will be at MN on weekends, vacations, and in the summer. They will be relieved at night by another shift of guards.

"We are having guards not only for the benefit of personal property, but also for the men and women of the school," said Robert Gauntlet, Assistant to the Superintendent of Non-Instructional Services.

The guards will wear uniforms to be easily recognizable to the students.

Vo-techs Find Adjustment To MN Restrictions Difficult

"Teachers and parents say we should use our minds, not our hands, to make it in this world, but using our hands is an extension of our minds. Why don't people understand?"

The Pennsylvania Department of Education forecasts that by 1980, 50 percent of Pennsylvania's students will receive vocational technical training. At MN alone, over 325 students attend the Marple Vo-Tech school. For these reasons it is important to consider the problems created by the different policies at the vocational and home schools.

At Marple Vo-Tech School, students are given considerable freedom. They are given a fifteen minute break during which they can eat and relax. They are rarely stopped for being in

the halls at the wrong time. The lunch period lasts 40 minutes, and students are not confined to the cafeteria during that time. Students have access to all bathrooms as well as working water fountains. Despite these permissive policies, there is little vandalism.

Thus the return to MN's restrictions requires an adjustment. When questioned about this situation, several individual senior Vo-Tech students commented:

"In Vo-Tech walking in the halls is not like walking in forbidden territory as it is at Marple."

"I don't know what it is - there is just a closeness among Vo-Tech kids. Maybe it is because we see each other three hours a day."

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Adriana (Robin Beck) hugs Antipholus Sr. (Chuck Podaras) in a tender scene from Boys From Syracuse while Dromio (Jeff Pinski) tries to escape. SEE REVIEW PAGE 4.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

Paranoia Persists

What is the purpose of those little packets of mustard and ketchup now distributed in the cafeteria?

Those little plastic packets are inconvenient, expensive, and unnecessary.

Apparently whoever ordered this new policy believes students to be in imminent danger of being poisoned by some unknown evil force.

That fear, bred by rumors and sensational reports, has now been legitimized by the administration's new policy.

The facts are clear and evident to anyone who investigates this situation. No one has ever been poisoned in the cafeteria. This sort of policy is just one more contribution to the paranoia which is clearly more harmful than any supposed or imagined threat of a crazed, homicidal drug pusher.

Discrimination Continues

Certain female students have just lately recognized what should have been a rather obvious fact about the MN administration. The rest of the students here have either never recognized this situation or have always accepted it as a matter of course.

The obvious fact is that the school administration is completely dominated by males. We have one male principal and three male assistant principals. Similar positions of authority in the school are all held almost exclusively by males.

This situation cannot have arisen purely by accident; no one can claim a lack of qualified women in the education field. Our school is once again shown to be a reflection of our society with its inherent male chauvinism.

But women's roles in the outside world are changing and it is time for our administration to start changing too. Perhaps the best start would be the addition in the near future of a woman assistant principal.

Free Speech ?

Are there under cover cops at Marple Newtown? Almost every one here will say, "of course not." Though we have seen no evidence of spies masquerading as students here, the experiences of other schools in this area and across the country ought to at least make every student aware of the possibility that "Big Brother" may be observing him right in his own cozy classroom.

Fear not, there is hope. We may not have to live forever under the threat of invasion of privacy. If a recent California Supreme Court decision is any indication, the days of "narc" in our nation's schools may be numbered.

The case in California involved UCLA students being watched by a policeman registered under a false identity in their history class. When the professor of that class found out about his under cover student he filed suit against such infiltration. The court ruled with the professor that the students' constitutional rights were violated in that history class. Infiltration, according to the court, stifles the free speech and expression of students. Students cannot speak freely knowing of that subtle threat that their private opinions, privately expressed, may later, be used to try to incriminate them.

Marple Newtown is not UCLA, but the principles in this particular case are exactly the same in every school in the country. Are we students free to express ourselves openly, honestly, and without fear of recrimination in our classrooms? Fortunately, the courts are with us in this struggle.

LETTERS:

America needs your help

Dear Editor,

Not meaning to generalize, I'd like to state a couple of my opinions.

Most kids today, when someone starts talking about what's needed to improve our country, turn a deaf ear to the speaker with the thought that it's lecture time again.

But, perhaps our generation does not realize that America is being called a second rate power and is thought of as following in ancient Rome's footsteps.

To cite two examples: New York is gradually going bankrupt; in the March 31, 1975 edition of the Evening Bulletin, President Ford stated that by the year 2000, 50% of the population will be living off of the other 50%.

We are being faced with the threat of a depression that will be worse than the last one because of the inflation.

Are you closing your eyes to it hoping it will pass you by without touching you? Sorry, but there are few exceptions in something like this.

And then, when our country is going to need parents to teach it how to walk again, will you have the skill and knowledge to be able to help it?

The freedom and pleasures you enjoy now can only be maintained by you helping America the way two hundred years of people have done before you.

Jonri Bilyi

Caps and gowns enhance dignity of graduation

Dear Editor,

The matter of wearing the traditional black and white caps and gowns at graduation was discussed at the March 13, 1975 executive board meeting of the Senior High Parent Teachers Organization.

The Board would like to go on record as supporting the said traditional caps and gowns to enhance the dignity of graduation. We also are in favor of continuing the practice of separate seating of boys and girls during the ceremony.

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OPINION:**ELOQUENT LANGUAGE
CLOAKS PETTY POLITICS**

Bob Edgar ran for U.S. Representative of Delaware County in November 1974 on a "cleanse-the-ills-and-politics-out-of-Washington" platform. MN students recently heard Rep. Edgar speak. The way he spoke students couldn't help but get the feeling that Edgar was single-handedly saving the United States.

In actuality, no such thing is happening.

In defeating the Delaware County Machine (the War Board) in 1974, Edgar became part of an even more dangerous machine (the overwhelming Democratic majority in Congress.) Edgar has fit in right where most Democratic freshman do-in with the pack. He has thrown many blasphemies at President Ford, yet has never really tried to work with him.

In a time when our country desperately needs quick legislation, all we get from Washington is bickering. The reason is petty politics-of which Edgar is a part.

In his stand against any more military aid to South Vietnam, Edgar states that the war has been going on for ten years, and the people are tired of wasting

money and seeing no breakthrough.

I would like to focus Mr. Edgar's eyes on a little bit of real estate called the Middle East. He wholeheartedly supports military aid to Israel, yet the Arab-Israeli confrontation has been going on since 1948 (27 years) with no apparent letdown in animosity between the camps.

Also, the American people are probably as sick of Israel as they are of Vietnam. Here are two small, struggling countries who need help to keep their societies free and democratic.

Edgar supports aid to only one. Why?

Possibly to woo local vote or possible because it is currently "in" for Democrats to back Israel, but either way your reform, no-party, no-tricks legislator is playing petty politics.

Bob Edgar is a very eloquent speaker, and he awed MN students with his dignified and bombastic expressions. Yet when I got down to the nitty-gritty of what Edgar said, I realized he was no different from the rest. His main interest is securing his job in 1976.

Paul Sperry

NEWS IN BRIEF**Art students
win prizes**

Congratulations to seniors Janice Carapelluci, Betsy Guralnick, and Doug Miller for winning a total of six prizes at the Senior High Art Exhibit sponsored by the Institute for Public Education. There were 15 schools represented and 150 works of art displayed.

Seniors filing for financial aid from PHEAA (Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency) are reminded to have their applications in no later than Thursday, May 1, 1975.

Juniors are invited to a college Fair, Wednesday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Philadelphia Civic Center (34th St. Phila.). More than 200 university, college, junior college, and financial aid representatives will speak directly with students who attend.

Juniors are also urged to make their summer counseling appointments up in the counseling suite anytime after April 14.

1975 Schedule for A.P. Exams

Monday, May 12	Morning	English
Tuesday May 13	Morning	Calculus
	Afternoon	French Literature
Wednesday May 14	Morning	Biology
	Afternoon	American History
Thursday, May 15	Morning	Physics
Friday, May 16	Morning	Spanish
	Afternoon	Chemistry

OPINION:**Government will "keep on truckin'"
-if citizens become involved**

This country is large and extremely complicated, and as not to ruin that reputation, our government has reached the height of complication.

It has become so complicated because it attempts to give all of its citizens as much say as possible. A dictatorship is very uncomplicated and gets things done efficiently and quickly. However, only one person has any decision-making power.

In a recent week long trip to Washington, I had the opportunity to closely observe the government at work. I saw a lot of frustrating aspects of our government, but I saw many more good aspects.

No government can be perfect because man is not perfect. Congressmen and senators do not have all of the answers. Many people seem to think that elected officials have no right to do anything wrong. The best they can do is try to solve the problems that beset this country and hope that their solutions work.

Senators and congressmen also need the support of their constituents in order to do the best possible job.

Members of Congress do read the letters they receive. In fact, all of the legislators I heard speak urged their constituents to write to them. They have no way of knowing what the people

in their districts want unless they tell them.

Changes occur slowly, but they do happen. The rule of seniority in Congress was challenged and broken in January of this year. The first Democratic Congressman in over 100 years, Robert Edgar, was elected last year in Delaware County.

Democracy is not a guaranteed perfect form of government, but it has worked pretty well in the last 199 years. If this country's citizens stay involved in the workings of the government, it will continue to "keep on truckin'".

Mary Wesoski

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soldier's salary in addition to your education costs.

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If you enlist for a three-year period, you also have a choice of duty location so you can pick a post fulfilling your educational needs.

Project Ahead allows participants to choose their college and plan a course of study. Students take courses at a college near their post (or at their post) and have the credits for those courses transferred to their college.

Project Ahead participants receive their degrees from the school where they originally registered as a non-resident-soldier-student. Three years in the Army will normally allow to complete 2½ years of a college with money in the bank.

PYE Club outlines Earth Week activities

Marple Newtown's Protect Your Environment Club will celebrate Earth Week 1975 in several ways, according to PYE president Nancy Kotz.

Activities planned by PYE include presentations by speakers from environmental groups and showcase displays on environmental topics such as pollution and recycling.

The presentations will occur second and ninth periods, April 21-25, in the Group Instruction Room 218. Scheduled speakers include Doug Baker from the Environmental Coalition on Nuclear Power, an energy expert from the Philadelphia Electric Company and a representative from the Philadelphia Clean Air Council. Whole classes or up to three individuals from a class may sign up to attend.

Also featured will be poster and bulletin board contests in the elementary schools which will be judged by elementary school teachers and PYE members.

Prizes of environmental books and money will be awarded to the winners of the contests.

Vo-tech

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"Language is relaxed; you don't have to watch what you say."

"Teachers at Marple Newtown look down on Vo-Techers because they think we're really stupid."

"The smoking lounge here at Marple is a good thing."

"The reason we go to Vo-Tech is because we have found the occupation we want to work at and want to start training and learning now."

"The Vo-Tech people are treated really bad in this school by both the teachers and other students; because we don't go to this school all day, they cast us aside as if we don't belong here at all."

"If you get in a class where you (or maybe one other) are the only Vo-Tech kid, forget it, the teacher will ignore you."

REVIEW

Strong points pull 'Boys' through

After seeing play cuts last week, I went to Boys From Syracuse expecting to see a burlesque show. However, the show proved to be a pleasant combination of music, humor, burlesque and slapstick comedy.

The Boys From Syracuse, a musical adaptation of Shakespeare's A Comedy of Errors, involves the mistaken identities of two sets of twins. Antipholus of Syracuse and his servant Dromio come to Ephesus where the long-lost twins each lives. Much confusion and comedy results before correct identities are established.

A clever, well designed set facilitated the show's progress. Quick scene changes helped keep the action moving. Colored lights assisted in creating the mood and location of scenes. Unfortunately, soloists were often in shadows while the spotlights were on other actors.

Several actors' performances stood out and contributed to the show's success.

Skillfully portraying the head courtesan, Angela Zangardi commanded the audience's attention except for brief moments when Roe Sgro stole the spotlight.

Jeff Pinsk's energetic antics and wry wisecracks overshadowed Steve Matt's plausible performance.

Robin Beck's vocal prowess exceeded her acting

ability, and though she projected more than most of the vocalists. Robin was often heard only with difficulty.

Annette Winter played the forceful, authoritative wife convincingly. She sang, danced, and acted with equal expertise.

Several supporting performances were tentative and

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LINGUIST "Smitty" battery aids Tigers

WINS TUITION

MN Senior Tony Molino won a year's tuition to Temple University for placing first in the American Association of Teachers of Spanish contest.

Students competed at four different levels including grammar skills and short story comprehension. Oral examinations by Spanish professors were also given.

Molino won in his category, Spanish 4, as well as in written and oral competitions. This has never been done before and qualifies him for national standings.

Katya Riasonovsky, Donna Moyer and José Weihel also entered from Marple Newtown. Dr. Olga Colli sponsored MN's students.

RUGBY

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The "B" team was victorious again, beating Bonner 16-4. Glenn Roberts scored three tries for twelve points.

Marple's Rugby club does not receive allocations from the school as a sport, only as a club. Each member must pay \$18.00 to join. This fee pays for uniforms and equipment.

Steve Smith the pitcher and Steve Smith the catcher combined to lead the Tigers to a 3-1 rout of the Ridley Green Raiders for MN's first win of the season.

The game took place at Marple, though it counted as a Ridley home game due to adverse field conditions in Ridley.

Pitcher Steve Smith had to sweat a little in frigid weather as he often had to contend with more base runners than outs. Ridley's only tally came in the first inning when they managed to score one of the many runners on base.

Marple came back in the second inning on the baserunning skills of Herman Sampson who, after harreling into homeplate, proved that baseball can be a contact sport. Pete Bartlett also chalked up a run in the inning.

The other end of the battery, catcher Steve Smith banded out a double and a single that would enable Pete Bartlett to score again in the sixth inning.

Thanks to the "Smitty" battery homeplate was a profitable business for the Tigers.

In earlier action, Radnor's Raiders knocked the Tigers 8-3 with the help of a seven-run sixth inning.

The first inning of the season turned out scoreless, but Raider bats broke the shutout in their half of the second inning. They put one run across the plate while walking into a double play.

Tiger bats retaliated immediately when Drew Roulston and Keith Gallagher plotted themselves on second and third bases via two walks and passed balls. Steve Smith rose to the occasion, pouncing out a two-run single and then stealing second base.

Sampson made it three on his RBI single. Thus the Tigers led after three, 3-1. Merrill rolled along the sixth inning nightmare where catcher Steve Smith saw seven Raiders cross the plate for seven runs.

Radnor's Dave Broll hurt MN the most, blasting the Tigers for a three-run triple, then cleaned up shop when he stole home. There was no time to convalesce; the stunned Tigers went out to bat and bow out in defeat.

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stilted, but Dave Bullock and Boh McCusker's brief appearances were delightful.

Under the direction of George Barnett, the orchestra produced a clean sound and did its best to accommodate weak soloists.

Costumes varied greatly in quality. Some were clever, others were provocative, others totally unsuited and unbecoming.

It is regrettable that the vocalists could not use microphones, many of the play's best lines never reached the audience.

The show contained serious flaws--moments during weak solos when the audience strained to hear and periods of stilted acting when it grew uneasy or embarrassed. Fortunately there were enough strong points and enjoyable moments to make The Boys From Syracuse the funny musical it was meant to be.

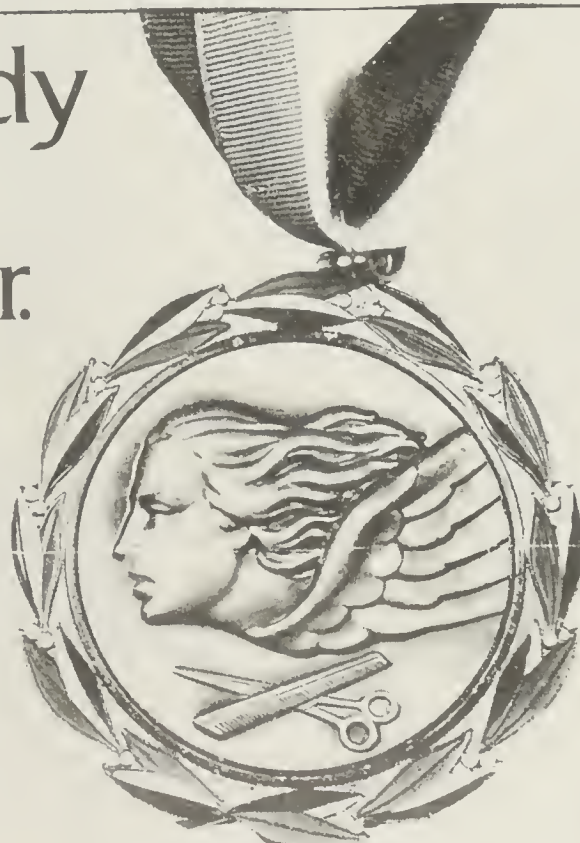
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